

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-5 and 10-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 and 10-32 are pending in this application. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 10, and 15.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate that he has reviewed the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 27, 2001, by returning an initialed copy of the corresponding PTO-1449 Form.

Drawings

The Applicant respectfully notes that formal drawings filed on January 27, 2004, and respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the filed formal drawings are acceptable.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-5 and 10-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide (Document ID 816-0799-01) ("iPlanet").

iPlanet is not valid prior art to this application pursuant to MPEP §716.10. Specifically, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the portions of iPlanet cited by the Examiner (as well as any other portions of iPlanet that include subject matter that is similar to the subject matter in the

portions of iPlanet cited by the Examiner) originated with the inventors of the referenced application. The Applicant's assertion is supported by the attached declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, which assert that the content of iPlanet referenced by the Examiner was conceived by David Boreham and Peter Rowley (*i.e.*, the inventors of the referenced application) and subsequently provided to Kieran Cross Rowley, a technical writer, to generate iPlanet. In view of the above, iPlanet is not valid prior art to the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

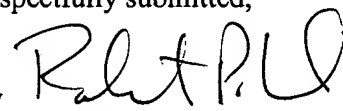
Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220/022001; P5835).

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Attachments (Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132)
(Declaration of Kieran Cross Rowley)